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SUBJECT: BELIZE: BLUE LANTERN CASE NUMBER 05-050090555, M4
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¶1. Embassy contacted the Commander of the Belize Defense Force (BDF), Brigadier-General Lloyd Gillett, who confirmed that the BDF is purchasing M4 carbines from I. I. & E., Inc. Gillett said that the BDF intends to buy a total of 50 M4s from I. I. & E. The weapons will be used to equip a U.S.-trained counterterrorism unit.

¶2. The BDF is a reliable recipient of these weapons and to our knowledge takes appropriate security measures with its firearms to ensure that none are diverted. BDF officers are made aware of and to the best of our knowledge comply with U.S. regulations regarding re-export and retransfer of Munitions List items.

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